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SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM.

Another International Conference Proposed.

(Reuter's Service)

Geneva, September 20.

The Opium Traffic Committee has passed a resolution, requesting the Council of the League of Nations to invite interested Governments to confer with the purpose of deciding on a reduction in the quantity of raw opium which may be imported for smokers in the territories where its use is temporarily maintained, and of considering measures to be adopted in China for the suppression of opium production and the illicit use thereof. The Council will also be invited to seek an opportunity for assembling a second conference, comprising all the members of the League and all the parties to the 1912 Hague Convention.

Chinese Delegate's Statement.

Geneva, September 20.

Speaking before the Opium Traffic Committee, Mr. Chao Hsin-chu agreed with the American, Mr. Porter's, interpretation of legitimate use as being for medicinal and scientific purposes. He pointed out that China was the only country making no reservations to the American proposals, and gave an assurance that China would be able, totally, to suppress the traffic in the near future. He reiterated that the Government had never considered the advisability of legalising the opium traffic, and expressed China's indebtedness to Sir John Jordan and Lord Hardinge for their assistance in ridding China of the opium traffic.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH CONVERSATIONS.

Speculation As to the Result.

London, September 20.

Official quarters in London have no information of yesterday's meeting in Paris. The fact that Mr. Baldwin postponed his return to London till to-morrow is regarded as indicating that sufficient headway has been made to warrant a resumption of the conversations, possibly after M. Poincaré meets his Cabinet.

A Paris message states that M. Poincaré made a statement on the foreign situation to the Cabinet Council. Mr. Baldwin made personal calls this morning, and then visited Versailles.

Paris, September 20.

Mr. Baldwin, in the course of the farewell call on M. Poincaré expressed entire satisfaction with yesterday's interview. The leaving-taking was very cordial.

COMMUNISTS GIVE TROUBLE IN BULGARIA.

Troops Have to Be Called Out.

London, September 20.

Reports of a revolutionary rising in Bulgaria are denied by the Bulgarian representatives in London and Geneva.

These reports are explained by a Sofia message which says bands of Communists at Starazagora, Novazagora, Tebrpan and two other townships attacked the police stations and barracks, with the object of liberating their comrades arrested ten days ago. Troops were called out, and there were a number of casualties in the fighting. Six Communists were killed and 5 wounded, and one soldier and one civilian were wounded at Starazagora.

ABYSSINIA'S ADMISSION TO THE LEAGUE.

Opposed On Ground of Slavery Reports.

Geneva, September 20.

A difference of opinion was expressed in the committee appointed to investigate the application by Abyssinia for admission to the League, in consequence of the supposed existence of slave-trading. Syed Hassan Imam (India) associated himself with the French delegate in favour of admission, but Sir Joe Cook (Australia) opposed it. The committee ultimately decided to recommend that the Assembly grant the application subject to receiving certain desired assurances.

NEW YORK PRESSMEN DEFY THEIR UNION.

New York, September 20.

The owners of the metropolitan newspapers have informed the president of the International Pressmen's Union that they have refused to deal further with the local organisation, declaring its strike illegal. The men are defiant, and declare they will await the president's threatened revocation of the local union's charter.

The president of the International Pressmen's Union has announced that the twenty-five hundred strikers are no longer members of his union, because their action is illegal. The union will provide non-strikers with "working cards." The papers still appear under a common caption, but each is issued under its own name in its own style and type, with its usual features. The publishers state that this common newspaper has reached seventy per cent. of the normal circulation.

HOLLAND'S NAVAL DEFENCE.

The Hague, September 20.

The Second Chamber has approved the proposal to discuss the Naval Construction Bill in connection with the defence of the Dutch Indies next month. Meanwhile Herr Troelsara will interpellate the Government on October 11th, regarding the causes of the recent Cabinet crisis, when the Finance Minister resigned. The interpellation will also deal with the financial situation in the Netherlands and the Indies.

QUESTION OF THE LEAGUE'S COMPETENCE.

Geneva, September 20.

There is general disappointment that the Council of the League of Nations did not debate the question of its competence in the Italo-Greek dispute. Viscount Ishii announced that, in view of the different interpretations, the question would be submitted to jurists, and would therefore be shelved for the present. Lord Robert Cecil accepted this proposal.

CANTON HOTELS STRIKE.

Over a Thousand Shut Down.

SING SONG GIRLS TAXED.

Over a thousand hotels, eating-houses and restaurants closed down in Canton on Wednesday as a protest against the tax on meals. The cooks have also gone on strike, with the result that the hotels on the Eastern Bund which had been paying the tax, have also been forced to shut down. Nearly 5,000 people are affected by the movement.

An extraordinary general meeting of the proprietors and employees has been called for to-morrow, when the whole question will be discussed. In the meantime, the proprietors have decided to suspend payment of all debts in order to gain outside sympathy.

It is reported that a mutual agreement has been concluded between the Chief of the Finance Department and a Yunnanese commander to have the sing-song girls tax increased to 200 per cent. and of the proceeds 60 per cent. will go to meet military expenditure. In future, out of every \$3 received by the sing-song girls \$2 will be paid in taxes.

INDIANS QUARREL.

A Bellicose Pair.

Two Sikhs, one a money-lender and the other a watchman, were brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning for fighting. Family affairs, it was stated by Divisional Inspector Aris who prosecuted, were the cause of their mutual enmity, and so intent were they on doing bodily harm to each other that they fought whenever they met, and that was pretty often. He had had them up before him several times, but the caution he administered on these occasions did not seem to have any effect. Consequently they had to be charged and brought into Court. Both the accused had commenced to go into mutual recriminations when they were cut short by the Magistrate who issued a warning that they would go to goal the next time they were brought before the Court, inflicted a fine of \$10 on each.

SELLING A FAN.

Spaniard Sent to Gaol.

Julio Cruz, 29, described as a Spaniard, was brought before Mr. C. D. Milbourne, at the Police Court this morning, charged with the theft, or, in the alternative, unlawful possession of an electric fan.

The allegation was that the fan was stolen from No. 5a Armand Buildings, Kowloon, but as no evidence could be furnished to directly prove the defendant's connection with the actual theft, this charge was dropped in favour of the second, and on this a fine of \$100, or two months' hard labour, was imposed.

It was stated that the defendant was caught endeavouring to dispose of the article in Pottinger Street.

INTERPORT TENNIS.

Hongkong Team Chosen.

The Hongkong Interport Tennis Team has been chosen and will leave for the Northern port by the Empress of Canada to-morrow.

The team comprises three members—Messrs. O. Rumjahn, S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn. The first two are brothers and the last-named a cousin of the other two. All were well-known tennis players who have come into prominence during recent years.

The Interport games are to start in Shanghai on October 1st and will last for a week. There are three ports competing—Shanghai, Hongkong and Tientsin. The contests will be one doubles and two singles for each team.

Mr. S.E. Green was to have been a member of the team and to have captained it. He is, however, unable to make the journey, and Mr. S.A. Rumjahn will therefore be in charge.

Hongkong has won the Interport Tennis for the past three years against Shanghai, and it is hoped that the record of successes will remain unbroken.

On this occasion, there will be a trophy to fight for as Mr. J. H. Taggart, managing director of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., has generously given a magnificent silver cup to be competed for. Hitherto there has been no Interport trophy. This cup is now in Shanghai, and we hope that the Hongkong team will be able to return with it in their possession.

YOUNG SMUGGLERS.

A Growing Evil.

The employment of children for smuggling purposes was mentioned by Chief Preventive Officer Clarke in Mr. C. D. Milbourne's Court, this morning, in a charge which he brought against a small boy for possession of a small jar of samshu on which duty had not been paid.

Mr. Clarke said he had caught many of these youngsters, but had not brought them before the Court in consideration of their tender years. Now some example was necessary to cope with the increasing number of juvenile offences, and he asked that a whipping be inflicted on the defendant in the case as having a more salutary effect than a fine or punishment.

The defendant, in his statement, said that he was presented with the jarful as a gift. He had protested, saying he could only drink one cupful of the stuff, but the gift was pressed upon him.

His Worship plainly told the boy that his story was not acceptable, and asked him to "think of something better for an excuse."

The boy was unable to rise to the occasion and was ultimately sentenced to receive a whipping of six strokes with the birch.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND'S PROFITS.

London, September 20.

The Bank of England in the six months ending August 31st, made net profits of £674,195. After payment of a dividend of six per cent. the undivided profit stands at £3,019,265. In the corresponding six months of last year the amounts were £601,334, five and a half per cent. and £3,644,979, respectively.

U.S. BASEBALL CHAMP.

New York, September 20.

The Yankees, by winning to-day's baseball, are sure of winning the American League championship. Therefore they meet the champions of the National League at the end of the season.

AMERICAN GOLF TOURNEY.

Chicago, September 20.

In the third round of the Amateur Golf Championship, Sweetser defeated Guilford 3 and 1, Gardner beat Shute 6 and 5, Goumet beat Vonelm 2 and 1 and Marston beat Wells 4 and 3.

(Other Telegrams on Page 3.)

JAPAN DISASTER.

Hongkong Banker's Narrow Escape.

Mr. Li Tsz-fong, manager of the Bank of East Asia in Hongkong, had a narrow escape from death when a railway bridge under which he had just passed in a motor car collapsed into a heap of ruins in the recent big earthquake in Japan.

He had arrived in Yokohama and had gone up to Kamakura to see the famous bronze image of Buddha when the earthquake occurred. At noon on that memorable day he was returning to Yokohama with a party of friends in a motor car and was about midway on the road when unusual happenings occurred. Trees began to move and hills to open up. A railway bridge under which the party had just passed collapsed. Had the car been going at a slower pace, the party would have been buried beneath the ruins.

The first policeman encountered on the road stated that an earthquake had occurred and that Kamakura was the centre of the movement. The party, not being properly informed as to the extent of the occurrence, decided to resume their run to Yokohama. The road in several places had almost disappeared as hills through which it had lain were rocked from their bases and came tumbling down, presenting obstacles for the travellers. Traversing the route therefore became a difficult feat and it became a wearisome process climbing newly-formed hills and trying to pick up traces of the old road. On arrival at a plateau within sight of Yokohama, the unusual sight was presented of a town laid in ruins and flames devastating the last traces of standing buildings. For two days and nights the party stayed on the plateau, sleeping out in the open.

Eventually, a European was met who told them that a prospect of relief and a quick departure from the ruined city were being offered by the Empress' boat. The seawall, it was found, was covered with a crowd of several thousands all endeavouring to get aboard. In this connection, Mr. Li, who was interviewed by a Telegraph representative yesterday, complained of discrimination being shown against Chinese. Knowing that he would not have a chance to get on board in the ordinary way, Mr. Li had to hire a sampan at a cost of 250 Yen to take him on board the West Lion. This vessel duly reached Kobe, from which port he transferred to another boat for Shanghai and thence to Hongkong. On arrival here he received the sad news that his aged mother had died from shock on learning of the disaster in Japan and assuming that he had died in it.

More Refugees.

The Tjisalak, arriving to-day, has on board 854 Chinese refugees by far the greatest number sent here. Officials of the Tung Wah Hospital will put into operation the same arrangements as were made in the case of the last lot. Boarding houses will be used as accommodation for the refugees until their departure for their homes in the country.

Other boats bringing refugees to this Colony will be the Tanga and the President Wilson. The former has 174 and the latter 300.

French Community's Effort.

A sum of \$1,200 has been subscribed by members of the local French community and has been transmitted to Kobe for relief work in connection with the earthquake.

Singapore's Gift.

(Our own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Sept. 20.

The local Japan Relief Fund has reached 100,000 dollars. Two sums of 40,000 dollars have already been despatched in addition to the Government 50,000 dollars.

CINEMA NOTES.

"The Beloved Cheat."

The friendship of two men which went so far that one begged the other to kiss his fiancée, in order to win her over to the idea of kissing before marriage, is one of the startling forces of "The Beloved Cheat" in which Lew Cody will be seen at the World Theatre for three days starting Sunday, 23rd instant.

This is a Robertson-Cole special picture which was produced by L.J. Gasnier.

The central character of the film is Bruce Sands, a fascinating bachelor about whom the girls are crazy. He is approached by his bashful friend, Kingdon Challoner, who says that his (Challoner's) fiancée, Eulalie Morgan, objects to being kissed even after she is engaged. What shall he do to make her see things aright? He asks of this man versed in the nature of women.

"Kiss Her" Advice. Sands suggests that his friend just naturally kiss Morgan, holding that after it once has been done it will not be so hard in the future. Challoner says he would not dare, and suggests that matters be so arranged that his friend can act as proxy and kiss (her) for him. This is finally agreed upon.

Knights In Armour In Baseball Game.

What is said to be the most unique baseball game in the annals of the history of sports was played at the Pickford and Fairbanks studios recently when Douglas Fairbanks' knights in armor, taking part in his new photoplay sensation, "Douglas Fairbanks in Robin Hood," met the Los Angeles baseball team in deadly combat. The knights proved just as handy with bat as they were with lance, and it kept the boys from the Pacific Coast League hustling to beat them out with a score of one to nothing in the five-inning fray that took place on the tournament field in front of King Richard's mediaeval castle.

Douglas Fairbanks was the umpire and when the game was over, "Red" Killifer, captain of the Angels, said he would nominate him as an arbitrator in the Pacific Coast League if it were not for the fact that he is so strongly anchored in pictures.

The thing that made it interesting for the Angels was the fact that there were three men among the Fairbanks' knights who had formerly wielded hickories in the big league. They refused to give their names because they are playing only small parts in "Douglas Fairbanks in Robin Hood," which under a United Artists release, is coming to the Coronet Theatre on Saturday.

STEAMER'S MISHAP.

Propellor Blade Snaps Off.

The Hoi-sang, a small river steamer of 500 tons, arrived, overdue, in port this morning at 8 o'clock with a heavy list to port. On enquiry, a Telegraph representative was informed that the steamer, whilst proceeding to Kowloon on Wednesday night, got into shallow water and the propellor blade of her propeller snapped off when it came into contact with the rocky bottom of the river. The accident occurred at Lan Shan, near the Whangmoon Customs Station.

The Hoi-sang floated off a quarter of an hour later and proceeded under her own steam, though very slowly to Kowloon. Having discharged her cargo, she returned to Hongkong and reached here six hours later than the scheduled time.

The Hoi-sang is operated by the Wo Fat Steamship Company, who to-day stated that the vessel had gone into dock.

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News in To-Day's New Advertisements.

The latest list of "Okeh" dance records is published on Page 4.

Are you a Buffalo? See notice on Page 4.

A Booth Tarkington novel is being screened at the World Theatre.—Pages 4, 7 and 12.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges recent donations.—Page 4.

LISTEN.

Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.

A splendid film entitled "Robin Hood" featuring Douglas Fairbanks will be screened at the Coronet Theatre from to-morrow.—Pages 4 and 12.

Board Residence is advertised on Page 4.

Particulars of forthcoming auction sales appear on Page 4.

The Forbes-Russell Comedy Company open at the Theatre Royal to-morrow night.—Page 4.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS**BELIEVE JAPANESE CREDIT SOUND.**Atlantic City, Sept. 20.
The directors of the National Association of Credit Men in annual meeting issued a declaration opining that the credit of Japan was as good as it has ever been, and urging American business to extend every accommodation possible to the Japanese.Tokyo, Sept. 20.
Prince Matsukata's residence in the suburb of Mita has been offered for the use of the American Red Cross.**BULGARIAN UNREST.**Paris, Sept. 20.
Hitherto unconfirmed reports of agrarian revolutionary risings in northern Bulgaria are published in the newspapers. These state that the communists have joined hands with the peasants. Troops have been despatched to the affected districts and martial-law has been proclaimed in several towns.**AMERICAN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.**Chicago, Sept. 20.
In the second round of the Golf Championship, Outmet beat Hunter by 3 up and 2 to play, and Marston beat Jones 2 up and 1 to play.**POLO IN AMERICA.**Westbury, Sept. 20.
Meadowbrook defeated Hurlingham by 11 goals to 4, thereby eliminating the British team from the National Open Championship.**JEWELLERY LAWSUIT.****Hongkong Lady's Box of Pearls.**

Two women battled the other day before Justice Charles Sumner Leong in the United States Court for China for possession of a jewellery alleged to be valued at \$5,500. Mrs. Ruby Greenfield of Hongkong sued Mrs. Lucille Flegman, who conducts a boarding house at 221 Rue Batard, for return of the jewellery which she alleges she gave to Mrs. Flegman to sell.

Mrs. Greenfield was represented by Mr. H. D. Ridger of Rodger and Flegman, and Mrs. Flegman was represented by Mr. C. S. Franklin. After the testimony was taken of both the plaintiff and the defendant and Mrs. Greenfield, the case was continued for sixty days to permit the defence to secure expert testimony from Honolulu. Mr. and Mrs. Greenfield both testified that the jewellery, with the exception of some pearls, was recovered by them from a Hongkong jeweller to whom they made a loan of \$10,000. The jewellery, they testified, consisted of a cigar box full of pearls of various sizes and grades, which Mr. Greenfield had collected in the pearl fisheries of Zamboanga, Jolo and Ballo at a cost of between four and five thousand pesos.

A Jewellery Store. The other jewellery, they testified, consisted of about 30 necklaces valued at \$15 each, from 12 to 18 pairs of ear-rings valued at \$50, a dozen pairs of bangles, a dozen and a half stickpins, and about 200 rings set with rubies, pearls, jade, etc. All the jewellery was pure gold. The jewellery, they declared, had been turned over to Mrs. Flegman to sell on a commission basis, and she had given them a receipt for the assortment, reading: "Received, a lot of junk, valued at \$5,500," and then declaring some of the articles. Mrs. Flegman, they testified, hadn't paid them a cent nor returned the jewellery.

Claims Forgery. Mrs. Flegman on the witness stand admitted that she had received some jewellery from Mrs. Greenfield, but asserted that the receipt she gave called for jewellery valued at \$5,000 and that the receipt produced by the plaintiff in court was a forgery. In turn, Mrs. Flegman, in her answer, alleged that the Greenfields owe her over \$500 and for over charge on a shipment of furniture valued at \$3,000 which she had ordered for the People's Theatre in Honolulu.

"OLD-CURIOSITY SHOP" SOLD.

The Old Curiosity Shop, made famous by Dickens, was put up for auction recently at the Longdon Mart.

The first bid was £1,500, but at last the old five-roomed building at 14, Portsmouth street, was sold to Mr. J. A. Phillips for £2,250.

Mr. Phillips told a Pressman that he bought the shop for himself.

"It would be a pity if the building were destroyed," he said, "and I intend to preserve it as a curiosity. Canterbury has its own buildings, so why should not London?"

PLEA FOR OPEN DOOR.**Educational Needs of Working-Classes.**

Professor Arthur P. Laurie, principal of the Heriott-Watt College, Edinburgh, writes to the editor of the Daily Chronicle: "Dear Sir, It is I know difficult to interest English members of Parliament in Scottish affairs, and of all things a discussion on the details of a Scottish education code seems most uninteresting."

At the same time, the discussion is worthy of their serious attention, as behind the complexities of detail lies the whole question as to whether we are to have a democratic system of education in this country meeting the industrial needs of the working class, or continuing as at present, to foster an exclusive middle-class professional education at the public expense.

It is just as important to provide education for young people of the working-class above the primary stage, as to provide a professional middle-class education, and it is essential that the doors of our Universities should be opened to capable young men of the working-class, instead of being tightly closed, as they are at present.

Some idea of the unfair distribution of educational facilities at present can be gathered from the fact that, while some 30s. per head of public money is spent in scholarships for boys in middle-class schools, some 2s. 6d. per head is spent on working-class boys struggling to educate themselves in evening classes and technical and trade colleges.

These are the questions which are being fought out in Scotland just now, and must sooner or later be fought out in England.

HUSBAND AND WIFE BATTLE TO DEATH.**Dagger, Hatchet and Firearms.**

New York: A domestic duel to the death is reported in this city. A husband and wife, both well over 60 years old, fought in a dimly-lighted, locked room with a stiletto, a hatchet and revolvers till both fell dead.

Two daughters, in an adjoining room, awakened by the noise of the conflict, sought vainly to burst in the door, and could only listen to the cries of fury and the smashing of furniture as their parents wrestled or pursued each other about the dark room, stabbing, hacking and shooting.

When neighbours and police arrived, they found the body of the woman pierced by five bullets, and the man by four bullets. The wife's hand still grasped a dagger; near the husband lay a hatchet.

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MOUTRIES—Exclusive Distributors.**B'SHOP'S WARNING.****Against Anglo-Chinese Marriages.**A warning against white women marrying Chinese appears in the *Liverpool Diocesan Gazette* from the Right Rev. G. H. Lander, for many years Bishop of Victoria (Hongkong). He says:

Those who know the Chinese people have great respect for their many excellent qualities. Their intelligence, industry, sobriety, courtesy, power of endurance, sense of gratitude, and good nature make us love them. Having said this, I shall not be misunderstood if I urge English clergy in this country to use the utmost caution to make diligent inquiries before solemnising the marriage of Chinese men to English women. The latter in most cases do not realise how different are the social conditions in China. Therefore, the individual is the unit. Marriages are usually arranged by the heads of families, parents or grandparents, not by the bride and bridegroom themselves.

Chinese young men, except the very poorest, are married before they attain the age of twenty-one. A betrothal probably takes place years before that, and is very difficult to break off, though the contracting parties have never met. Even were a Chinese young man free when he left China, his parents may since then have affianced him to a Chinese girl, even without his knowledge. Monogamy, though in theory the rule, is by no means the universal in China. A rich man will have as many wives as he likes, and be none the less respected by his neighbours. The position of secondary wives is such as no self-respecting English woman can endure. Almost every Chinese man intends to return to China sooner or later.

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In South China I came across several European wives of Chinese men, who told me that they had lived happily enough with their husbands, till they went back to China; after that, in almost all cases, they acknowledged that they had made a mistake. I had frequently to get the assistance of benevolent friends to assist these unhappy women to England, or the colonies. Upper-class Chinese parents are generally strongly opposed to their sons and daughters marrying those of another race. The prospective children of such marriages might also be considered. It is happily quite true that those of mixed parentage are in no way inferior mentally, physically, or spiritually to persons of pure European or Asiatic blood, but as things are at present they are in danger in many parts of the world of suffering disabilities owing to ignorant and unjust prejudice. The Christian Church and the progress of Western thought are gradually countering these disabilities, but ignorant prejudice and cruel customs die very slowly, not least in the East.

Of course, if the bridegroom is an established and consistent Christian some of these perils are greatly diminished. We do not forget that in Christ Jesus we are all one, and the clergy will doubtless in all cases ascertain that the man is a baptised Christian. But even so, the bride and her friends should have their eyes open to the peculiar difficulties that may await her, and, at least, the need for special prayer for the grace of God to meet trials to faith, from which those who marry in their race are happily free.

NOW IS THE SEASON OF COLIC AND CHILLS.**Use Baby's Own Tablets Against These Ills.**

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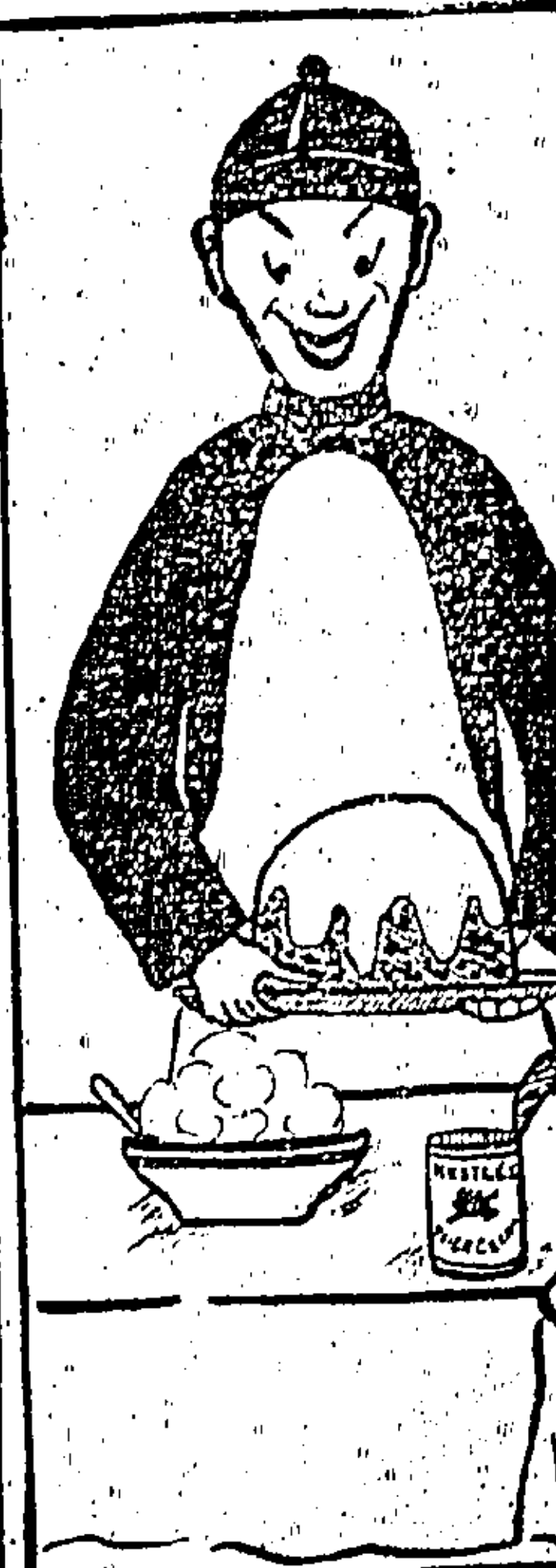
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NOTICE.

DURING suspension of the through express service, an additional local train will leave Kowloon on Sundays and Public Holidays at 2.52 p.m. returning from Shum Chun at 6.30 p.m.

ROBERT BAKER,

Manager.

Kowloon.

Hongkong 19th Sept. 1923.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Share Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st to 8th October 1923 (both days inclusive).

Warrants for the Interim Dividend can be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on and after the 9th prox.

By Order of the Board,

E. COCK,

Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th Sept. 1923.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE Annual General Meeting of members, will be held in the City Hall on Friday, 28th inst. at 5.45 p.m.

By Order.

D. K. BLAIR,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th Sept. 1923.

NOTICE.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on Friday, 5th day of October, 1923, at noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July 1923.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 27th September to 5th October, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order,

M. MANUK,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1923.

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NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 24th day of September, 1923, at 3 p.m. at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from the 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for a further term of 24 years, less three days.

Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Annual Rental.	Yearly Rent.
No. 1. Situated at Shamshui, between the Shamshui River and the Shamshui Road, and bounded by the Shamshui River, the Shamshui Road, and the Shamshui River.	1.0000	100.00	100.00
No. 2. Situated at Shamshui, between the Shamshui River and the Shamshui Road, and bounded by the Shamshui River, the Shamshui Road, and the Shamshui River.	1.0000	100.00	100.00
No. 3. Situated at Shamshui, between the Shamshui River and the Shamshui Road, and bounded by the Shamshui River, the Shamshui Road, and the Shamshui River.	1.0000	100.00	100.00
No. 4. Situated at Shamshui, between the Shamshui River and the Shamshui Road, and bounded by the Shamshui River, the Shamshui Road, and the Shamshui River.	1.0000	100.00	100.00
No. 5. Situated at Shamshui, between the Shamshui River and the Shamshui Road, and bounded by the Shamshui River, the Shamshui Road, and the Shamshui River.	1.0000	100.00	100.00
No. 6. Situated at Shamshui, between the Shamshui River and the Shamshui Road, and bounded by the Shamshui River, the Shamshui Road, and the Shamshui River.	1.0000	100.00	100.00
No. 7. Situated at Shamshui, between the Shamshui River and the Shamshui Road, and bounded by the Shamshui River, the Shamshui Road, and the Shamshui River.	1.0000	100.00	100.00
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Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Annual Rental.	Yearly Rent.
No. 1. Situated at Loop Road, between the Loop Road and the Loop Road, and bounded by the Loop Road, the Loop Road, and the Loop Road.	1.0000	100.00	100.00
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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are reminded that

Entries for the Fourth

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THE undersigned are prepared to quote prices for best quality freshly mined Silimpopon Coal, trimmed into Bunkers at Sebatik or Sandakan (British North Borneo), and to contract for regular supplies of cargo lots at favourable rates.

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JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE
DISASTER
HONGKONG RELIEF FUND

NOTICE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS Lists for the above Fund are open at the following places—
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
Chartered Bank of India Australia & China,
Mercantile Bank of India,
International Banking Corporation,
Netherlands Trading Society,
Yokohama Specie Bank,
Hongkong Club.
Cheques should be made out to the Order of the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Fund.
By Order

D. K. BLAIR,

Secretary.

Hongkong Relief Committee,
Hongkong 10th September, 1923.JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE
DISASTER RELIEF FUND.

NOTICE.

SUPPLIES OF SECOND-HAND
CLOTHING.

A Special Committee of local ladies under the presidency of Mrs. E. D. Wolfe, has been formed for the purpose of receiving and handing over to the Relief Committee for despatch to the devastated areas in Japan parcels of second-hand European clothing of all descriptions for adults and children.

The Committee will be in attendance at the City Hall daily from MONDAY, 17th inst. to SATURDAY, 22nd inst. between 11 a.m. and 12 Noon.

Parcels sent by messengers should be addressed to the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Committee.

By Order,

D. K. BLAIR,

Secretary.

HONGKONG RELIEF
COMMITTEE.

Hongkong, 12th Sept., 1923.

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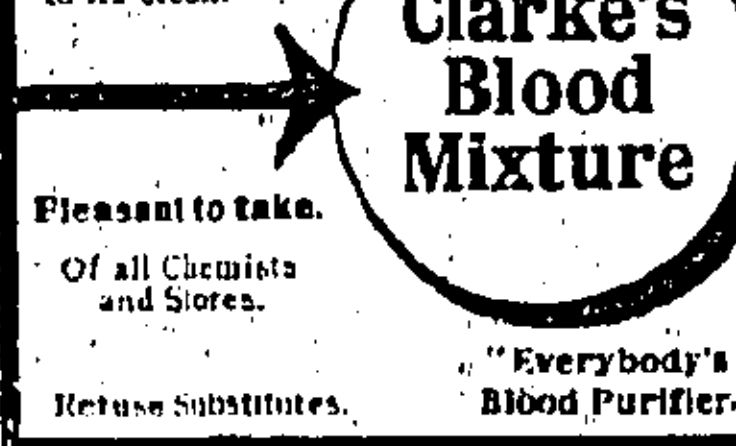
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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP
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THE Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, 20, Des Voeux Road Central on Tuesday the 2nd of October 1923 at 11 a.m.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd of September to 2nd of October both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
General Managers.

Hongkong 13th Sept., 1923.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
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CHILD POETS.

Hitherto Unpublished Verses.

"SOME MUTE INOLORIOUS
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There was a wealth of undisciplined literary ability in the ordinary schools of this country, declared Mr. Frank Roscoe at the City of London Vacation Course in Education.

"He had a collection of unpublished poems, he added, of moving passages written by little boys and girls in a mill town in Lancashire. One boy had caught the beauty of rain drops splashing upon a roof, and had expressed his thoughts with beauty and clearness.

Speaking on the value of language training in the infant schools, Miss Marjorie Gullan, principal of the Glasgow School of Speech Training, said that she found few grown-up persons who possessed a real freedom and command over language.

"It was because we had so rigidly repressed that natural chattering of the little child and compelled him to sit still and be silent in school that this sad state of things had come to pass.

BEAUTY SPOT
THREATENED

War Office Proposal.

The War Office propose to acquire permanently, for the purpose of a tank gunnery school, 973 acres of land between Lulworth Cove and Arishmill Gap, cutting off access to the sea, and spoiling one of the loveliest parts of the Dorset coast, which is greatly frequented by visitors. Mr. H. Weld-Blundell, of Lulworth Castle, and the inhabitants are strongly opposed to it, and Lord Shaftesbury, as Lord Lieutenant, has refused to recommend the signing of the necessary certificate.

At a meeting of Dorset County Council at Dorchester Lord Shaftesbury condemned the proposal as injurious to one of the most beautiful spots in Dorset. It might be necessary for the War Office to promote a Bill in Parliament, he said, and he hoped it would be opposed.

Lord Shaftesbury spoke of the injury to fishing interests that would be caused. It was decided to take the necessary steps to oppose the scheme.

WIRELESS AT AVEBURY.

Archeologists' Alarm.

The site for the great group of stations to be erected by the Marconi Company in connexion with the Imperial wireless chain has yet to receive the approval of the Postmaster-General, but should present plans materialize it will be at Avebury, in Wiltshire. Avebury is regarded by archeologists as the finest pre-historic site now left in Europe, and its Druidical temple has been variously described as "the greatest megalithic monument in the world" and "the parent of Stonehenge." Accordingly, it may be that the Wireless Age will meet the Stone Age across the centuries at Avebury. That contingency, however, appealing it may be to the popular imagination, has excited great concern in archeological circles.

One archeologist stated that it was quite impossible for any such scheme to be carried through in that neighbourhood without destroying some of these relics, about which so little was known to-day, but which might be of invaluable service to future historians.

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M.S. "Malaya" 6th November	12th December	
M.S. "Asia" 8th December	15th January 1924.	

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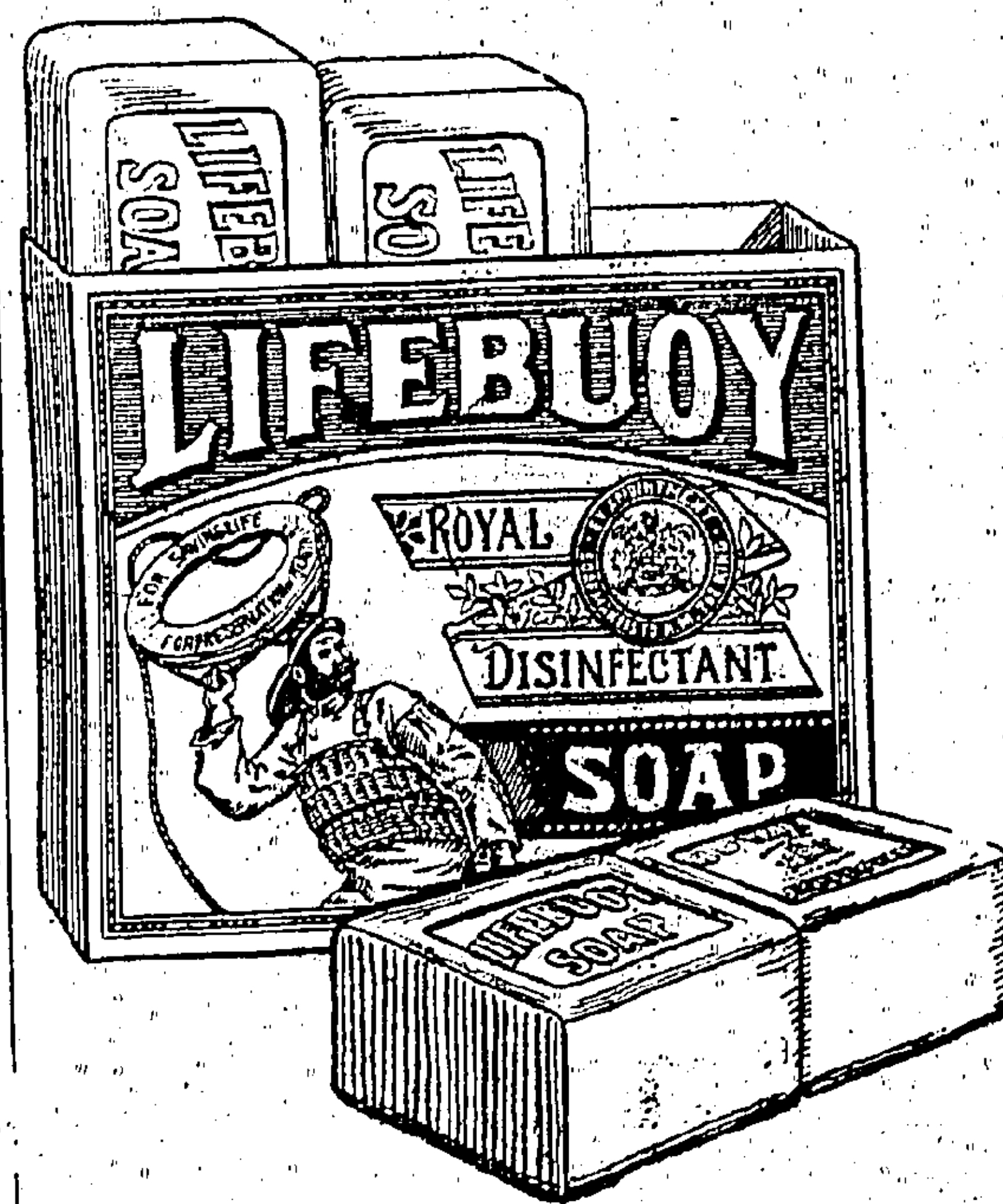
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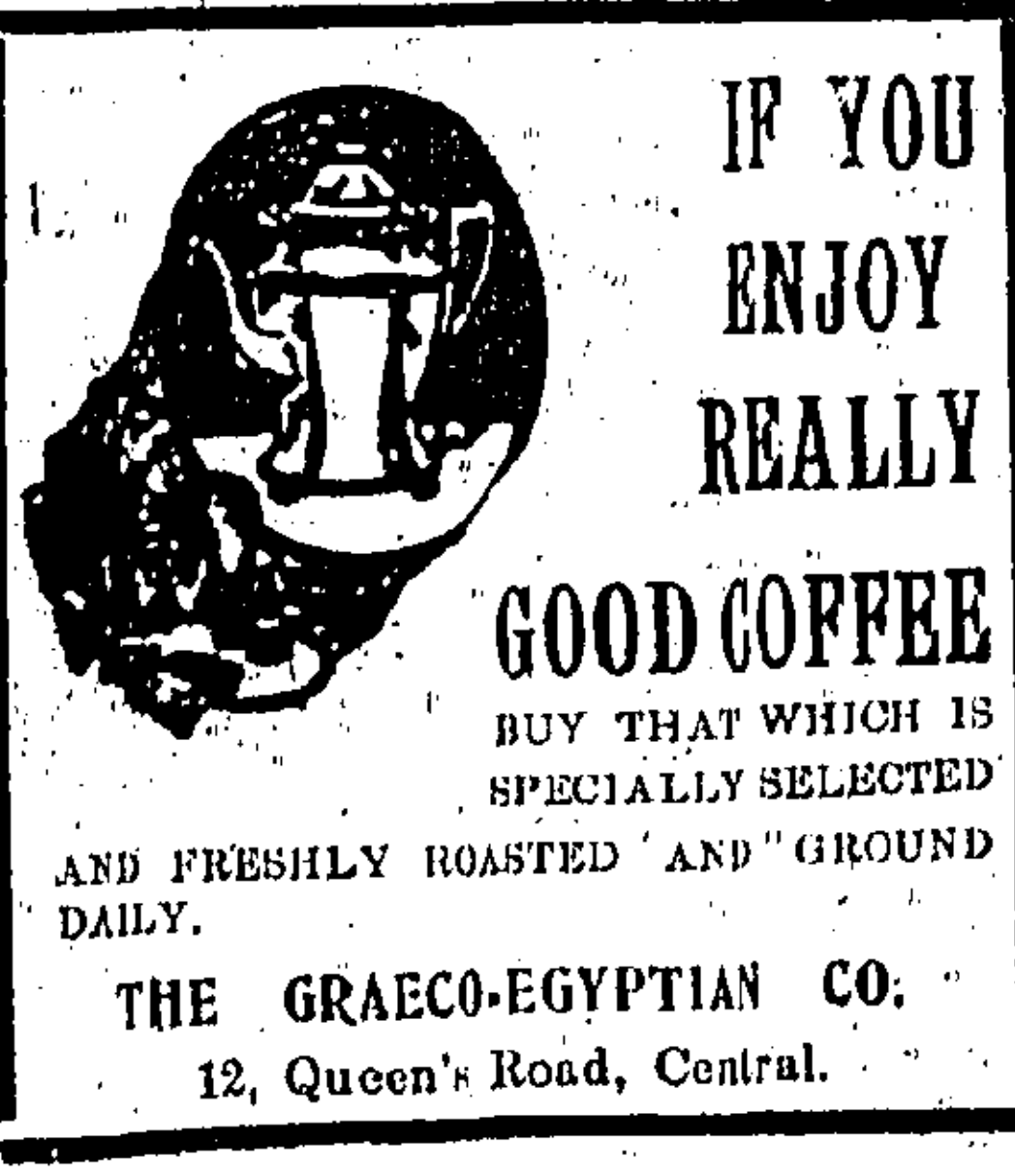
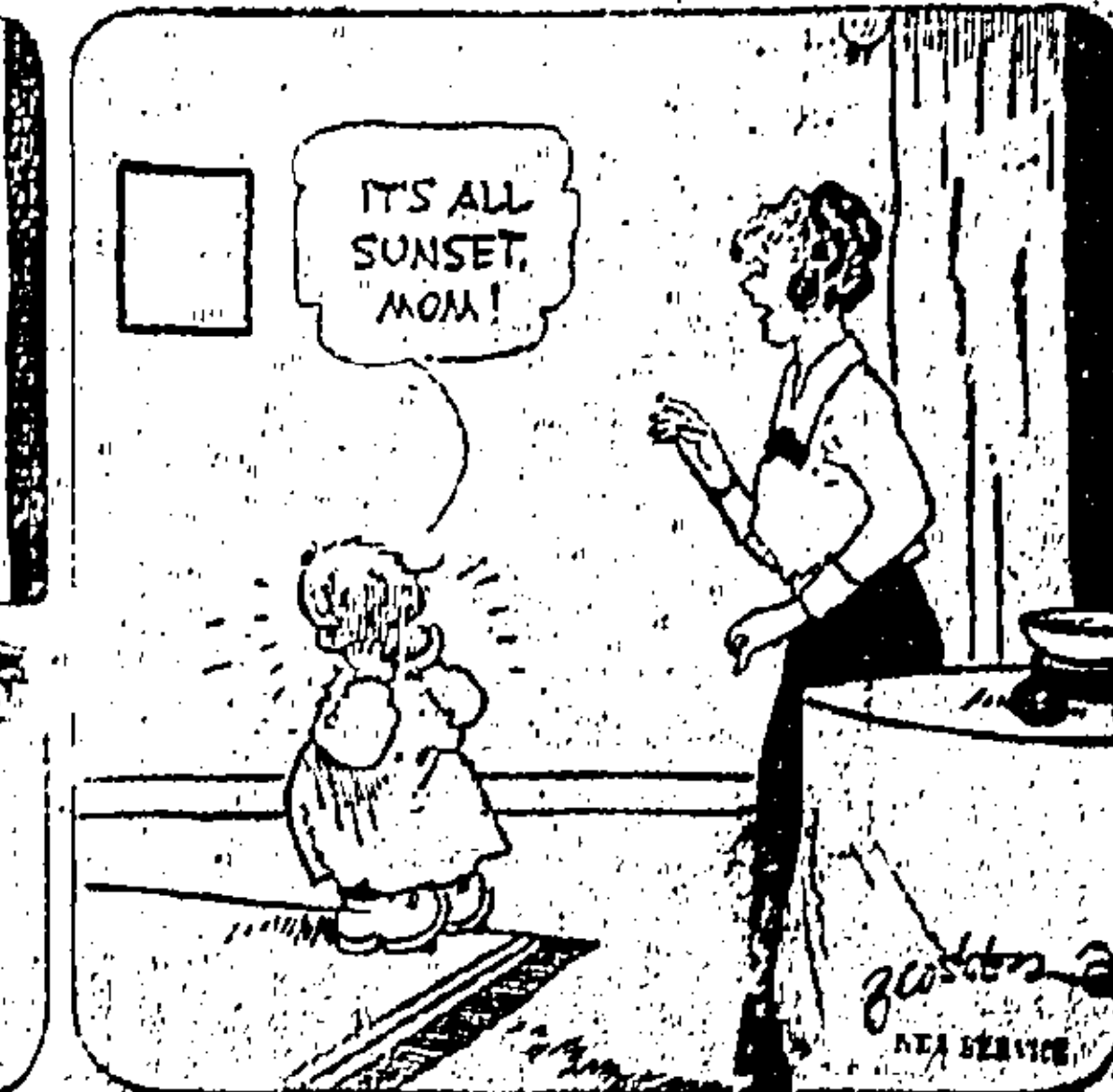
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BIRTH.

LANGLEY. On September 14, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Langley, a daughter.

DEATH.

AQUINO. On September 14, at Yokohama, Julio Caesar (Chips) victim of the Earthquake. Confirmation by cable.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 21st Sept., 1923.

THE PREMIERS MEET.

Hard on the heels of previous messages foreshadowing a change in the drift of events in connection with reparations, comes the news that Mr. Baldwin and M. Poincaré have had a secret meeting in Paris attended by a technical expert interpreter, at which views "on the general political situation" were exchanged. Following this conference, a French communiqué states that "they were happy to establish a common agreement of views, and discover that on no question is there any purpose for a divergence of principle which could impair the co-operation of the two countries, on which depends so much a settlement and the peace of the world." This seems so complete a change from the previous aspect of the reparations and Ruhr problems—which, evidently, are specifically referred to—that we cannot help feeling doubtful whether the excessive optimism in some quarters is justified. Much as we should desire to see Britain and France agreeing so closely that no divergence of principle could arise on any point, we have been so disappointed before by hopeful reports which failed to come to anything that we have to accept the present suggestion of full agreement with considerable reserve. At the same time the atmosphere of the Entente is distinctly brighter, and recent events have all pointed to a far better prospect of Franco-British co-operation, so we feel hopeful again of that happy understanding which was threatened with a deplorable termination not long ago.

Perhaps the most significant feature of reports received dur-

ing the past few weeks has been the changed tone in the European political arena. France has shown an inclination to modify her sterner demands; Britain, apparently, is somewhat more sympathetic towards the French outlook (which is a matter to rejoice over); and Germany seems at length to realise that her obstructionist tactics will not do her any good. France's policy of creating "a will to pay" appears to be succeeding to some extent; anyhow the Germans have sense enough to see that there is no hope of any of the Allies letting them off payment of their debt, which they will have to meet to the maximum of their capacity. Nothing could have a better moral effect in Germany—giving the country an incentive to "pull itself together" than the tightening of the slack links in the Entente. On the whole, the prospects of a satisfactory settlement of several outstanding problems are brighter than they have been for many months. If we be able to rejoice before long at a final, amicable solution, we shall notice one thing—the interchange of Notes galore merely served to irritate the wound instead of soothing it, but when two men met face to face and talked matters over they were able to agree on different subjects. If that prove to be the basis for friendly solutions of our differences, let us always "get together" in future.

Military Power.

Hotel and restaurant keepers in Canton are up in arms against the tax on customers' bills, and, according to news which we published yesterday, they have shut down as a protest against the impost. The tax is a very considerable one, amounting to twenty percent of the customers' bills. The first protest appears to have been made to the Mayor, who, however, to quote the *Canton Daily News*, states that the tax was imposed by the military authorities, he could do nothing. The military, when approached, stated that in view of current military expenses the impost could not be cancelled. We are not greatly concerned with the incident, excepting in so far as it demonstrates the hold which the military people have obtained on affairs in Canton. Without a shadow of doubt, the militarists are in complete charge of affairs in Canton—civil authority counts for nothing. Thus we have the example of the military imposing taxes on business. By what right they claim to do this, excepting the right of might, we do not know. One thing is certain, and that is that the enforcing of such taxes is by no manner of means "constitutional." It is most decidedly autocratic and in direct conflict with Republican principles. But these are days in Canton when principle goes by the board—businesses are taxed by the military, and law-abiding people are forced into military service against their will. The doctrine of the ends justifying the means is in full operation in Canton just now.

Well Punished.

The Harbour Master is to be commended for imposing an exemplary fine on the master of the ferry launch which runs to Nantau, as we recorded in our issue of yesterday. This launch was without a certificated engineer, and it carried no boats, rafts or lifeboats. We believe we are correct in saying that this craft replaced the one recently sunk in Hongkong Harbour with heavy loss of life. In any case, such a flagrant disregard of the laws which are laid down for the safety of passengers is deserving of the heaviest punishment, and we are glad that Commander Beckwith fined the offender a hundred dollars and ordered that the launch is not to be granted a clearance until it is certified to be in a proper condition. The neglect shown by some of these ferry owners and masters is almost unbelievable, and it is not always an easy matter to catch them. In this case, however, the offence was brought well home, and we hope that the sentence imposed will serve as a warning to others.

DAY BY DAY.

WHILE THE LAW IS OBSERVED, THE PROGRESS OF CIVILIZATION WILL CONTINUE; WHEN SUCH OBSERVANCE CEASES, CHAOS AND THE ANCIENT NIGHT OF DESPOTISM WILL COME AGAIN.—*Cabin Coolidge.*

Yesterday's health returns show one case each of plague and small-pox. Both were Chinese.

The Lusitania Recreation Club's aquatic sports take place to-morrow at the Victoria Recreation Club.

The Java-China-Japan Line inform us the ss. Oosterk is due here on the 23rd instant, instead of the 25th, as advertised.

We are informed by the Colonial Secretary that guarantee restrictions imposed by Newchwang against Hongkong have been withdrawn.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory at 10.30 a.m. to-day: "Cyclone or typhoon E. of Luzon, less than 300 miles distant, developing."

For having in his possession two Kwangtung 20-cent piece dies, a man who came before the Chief Justice at the Criminal Sessions, yesterday, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

In view of the attack by brigands on the Canton-Hankow Railway train, in which 20 passengers were kidnapped and some \$20,000 stolen, the Railway Company has asked the Canton authorities to supply armed force for protection of the line.

Sentence of 10 years' hard labour was passed by the Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions, yesterday, on a man charged with attempting to shoot at a police officer (the weapon did not go off), and being in unlawful possession of a revolver and ammunition.

Our Picture Page to-morrow will contain many illustrations of local interest. A feature will be a photograph of the Hongkong ward in the Glasgow Royal Infirmary which has been endowed by the local St. Andrew's Society out of funds raised in the 1918 "Heather Day" celebration, as well as a picture of the tablet erected therein. Then there will be photos of the Interport bowls match in progress; the start of the Ladies' Handicap Race at the Police Aquatic Sports; Capt. W. E. Clarke and the big python which he recently shot at Taipei; and a photo of submarine L. 9, after being raised.

Thanks to the assistance of the Press in calling special attention to the "intensive course" in Pitman's Shortland, which has been opened at the Hongkong Technical Institute, Queen's College, (writes "Temporary Teacher") a great deal of interest has been aroused—even as far away as Shanghai. On the opening night of the course, the Institute was positively besieged, so that it was difficult to find seats in the classroom for all the students who offered themselves. As a result, a beginners' class, a revision class and a speed class have been formed, each meeting three times a week. This subdivision makes it possible, now, to accept a few more students in each class.

FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. Soccer Trial.

The following teams will play to-morrow (Saturday) at 5 p.m. on the Club Ground.

R. Hutchison; H. G. Garrod, C. W. Bishop; A. Ferguson, A. Mair, J. W. R. McPhail; R. Bell, G. Watson, R. G. Browning, G. May, T. Pyburgh.

J. Wilkie; G. Gardner, E. W. Railton; A. F. Paul, H. T. Buxton, I. M. Goldenberg, W. Stewart, A. S. Forsyth, H. G. Howard, J. McBride, S. D. Begg.

Mr. H. M. McTavish will be the referee.

AMERICA'S ZOO INMATES.

The U. S. National Zoological Park contained 1,788 animals on July 1st, a gain of 87 in one year. The collection included 493 mammals, 1,081 birds, and 194 reptiles. There were 36 species of monkeys, 50 of hoofed animals, 51 ducks and geese, and 48 species of parrots.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong "Telegraph.")

"Free Trade Best."

Sir,—A referendum would show, I think, that Hongkong exporters are in agreement with the opinion expressed in the above title of your leading article in this evening's *Telegraph*—(that is to say, of course, in regard to Hongkong; one cannot be dogmatic upon the views they may hold on the question so far as it concerns Home politics).

I venture to think, Sir, that you have misunderstood the purpose and purport of the letter of the Association on which you have animadverted. Free Trade countries—such as, without qualification, Great Britain, used to be—have commonly been granted a preference by countries which impose protective tariffs. The concession has been given as a tangible acknowledgment of the admittance, without let or hindrance, of the Protectionist countries' goods to the Free Trade country's markets.

The Association's letter (as I read it) urges that Hongkong, as a Free Trade portion of the British Empire—perhaps the only exponent, now, of the pure gospel—should enjoy the same concession of Preference which the Protectionist partners in the British Commonwealth of nations grant to Great Britain. To put forward a case in support of this contention is not, I submit, needlessly to go out of the way to air a political issue; indeed, it is not a political but a business issue.

The Association's letter also comments upon the lack of uniformity apparent amongst those parts of the British Empire which are in a position to give preference, both as to the amount of the preference which they give and, as to the Colonies or Dominions to which they give it. As the letter remarks:

"Through lack of information as to the provisions of the Tariff Acts of certain Colonies and Dominions of the Empire, and the steps to be taken to comply with them, Hongkong may be losing the advantage of rebates which are open to her at the present time. . . . At present, so far as is known, universal preference within the Empire is only given by New Zealand and one or two small Colonies with each of which Hongkong's trade is small. If the larger Dominions gave an Empire preference of which Hongkong could take advantage, the benefits to local trade would be considerable."

It is in this sense that the term "universal preference" as distinct from a restricted preference is used; New Zealand gives a preference to every other part of the British Empire; other Protectionist portions of the Empire limit their preference, mainly to the United Kingdom. The Association suggests that where a preference is granted by a country within the Empire (it being understood that only Protectionist countries can grant preferences, Free Trade countries having nothing to give) such preferences should be given to all other countries in the Empire; that preferences, where given at all, should be "universal throughout the Empire."

You, of course, instantly appreciate the point that Hongkong could scarcely propose that all Protectionist countries of the British Empire should give preference to every other part, because in regard to such an arrangement Hongkong has everything to get and nothing to give. But, at least Hongkong might reasonably be permitted to give, if opportunity arose, a silent vote in favour of such a policy, and, indeed she has, an even greater right now than has Great Britain to ask for preference for herself, seeing that the goods of all other countries are admitted here without any impediment in the shape of tariff barriers.

Having surmised that it is proposed Hongkong "should begin levying discriminating tariffs on foreign goods," your leader writer seems to consider the allegation proved, and goes on to express astonishment that the Association of Exporters and Dealers "should declare itself in favour of import tariffs." Close examination of the document fails to reveal any such statement; the Association is concerned to make good Hongkong's claim, as a Free Trade Colony, to preference at the hands of Protectionist portions of the British Empire; to this end the Association would like to see preference, when it is in the power of a Colony to grant it, extended by that

"ROBIN HOOD."

To-day's Private Screening.

In the presence of the Director of Education (the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving), the acting Registrar of the University (The Rev. J. T. Holman) the Hon. Mr. Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. E. Ralphs and other prominent residents, a private screening was given at the Coronet Theatre this morning of the spectacular film "Robin Hood."

Lack of space prevents us from describing in detail the splendid result of the many months' work in the preparation of this wonderful production. It would, in fact, be almost impossible to give a really adequate description of the dignified pageantry, historical setting and realistic acting which combine to stamp "Robin Hood" as that outstanding achievement of the year in the cinema world.

All who were privileged to be present at this morning's rehearsal were unstinted in their praise, and the management of the theatre are to be congratulated on their enterprise in securing this masterpiece for Hongkong.

The special music arranged is most effective and the orchestra acquitted themselves well.

Public screening commences to-morrow and it is safe to predict record houses during the time this unique attraction fills the bill at the Coronet.

Colony universally to all parts of the Empire.

As I see it, the Protectionist parts of the Empire granted a preference, in the first instance, to Great Britain, because she followed the Free Trade policy, but they overlooked Hongkong (such a tiny dot on the map!) although she is a more consistent adherent of Free Trade than the Mother Country herself.

Yours, etc.,

EXPORTER.

Hongkong, Sept. 20th, 1923.

[The Association's letter expressed itself in favour of "universal Imperial preference," which phrase we can only read as meaning preference between all parts of the Empire. For Hongkong to give a preference to British goods would obviously mean the taxation of foreign goods, and this, in turn, would naturally involve the abandonment of the Free Trade policy of the port.—Ed. H.K.T.]

Piracy Prevention.

Sir,—"Mariner" says that the situation bristles with difficulties, when taken full and by, whatever this means.

No doubt he is right as far as he has any knowledge of the subject.

In my opinion there are no difficulties which cannot be overcome.

Make the bridge secure by the regulations, keep on the guards with their present armament and leave the rest to the Navy.

In case of attack by pirates, the people on the bridge will send off a few rockets notifying the Navy that they must be up and doing.

There is no difficulty here that I can see, even after taking it full and by.

While they are at it, the Authorities might as well wash out all the rest of the Regulations, old and proposed.

I refer only to river boats on the Canton Delta.

Yours, etc.,

"ONE WHO KNOWS."

Hongkong, Sept. 21st, 1921.

Railway Service.

Sir,—The local Press here have published a statement that the express train service will be established shortly between Canton and Kowloon. I hear from the Railway that there is no possibility of this happening, as the rolling stock and engines are in much too bad condition to permit it. Owing to the excessive use of the railway by the military authorities, there has been no chance of overhauling the engines and they are now in very bad condition and are absolutely incapable of attaining express speed.

The Press statement mentioned above is probably pro-Sun propaganda.

Yours, etc.,

RESIDENT,

Canton, Sept. 19th, 1923.

INTERPORT BOWLERS.

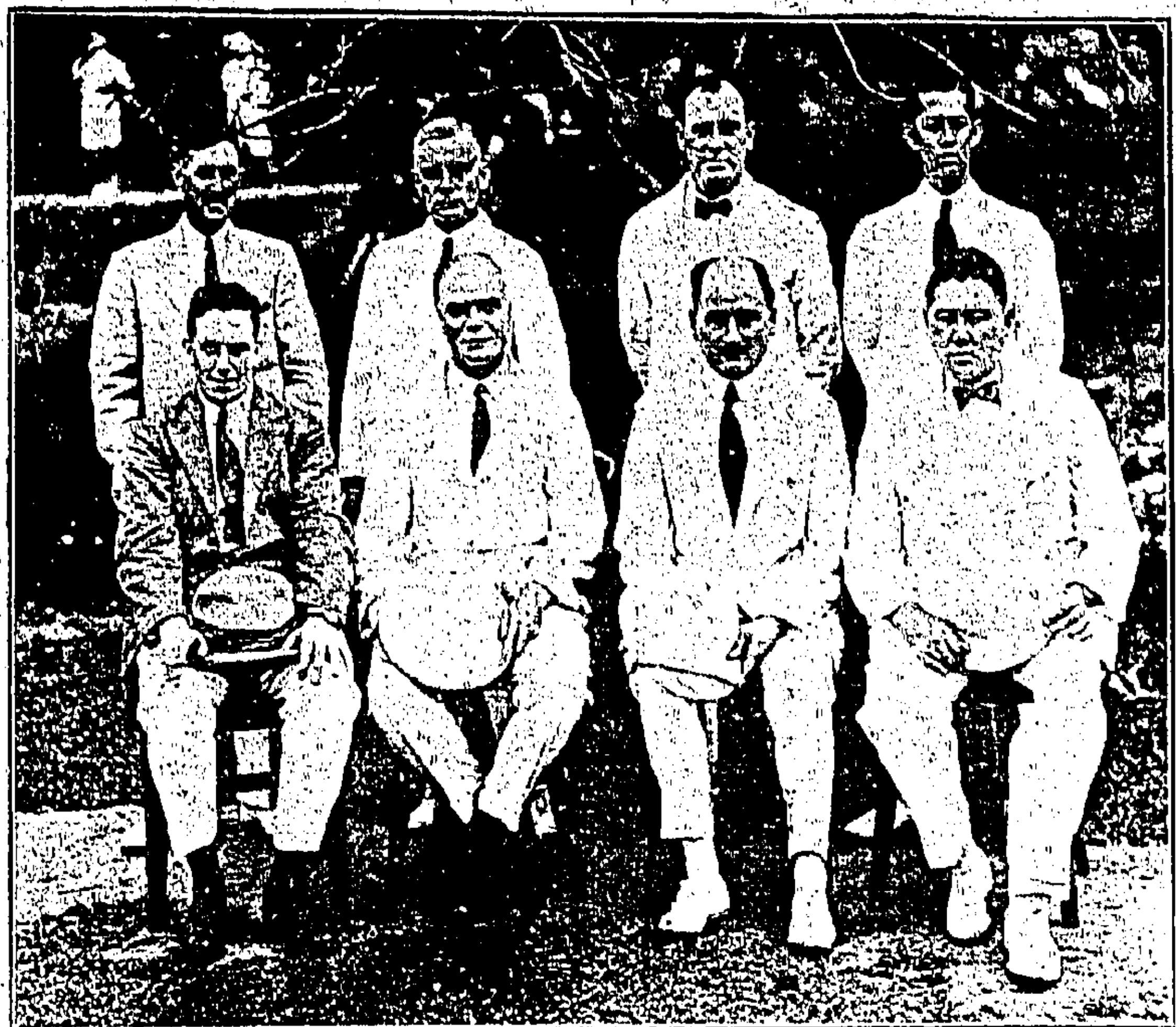


Photo: Ming Yuen.

Left to right (standing): Messrs. Wallace, Gow, Hall and Omar (Hongkong.)
Sitting: Messrs Tomlinson, Shaw, Veitch and Poignand (Shanghai).

BACK TO CIVVIES.

King's Private's Escapade.

Arrested in civilian clothes in Kowloon, after he had been absent from the battalion for two days, Private William Pye, of the King's Regiment, came before a District Court Martial, held at Murray Barracks, this morning, charged with desertion, and with losing by neglect his clothing and regimental necessities.

The Court was composed of Major S. B. Coates, M.C., 24 Bombay Grenadiers, (President); Captain G. E. M. Skinner, 2nd King's Regt.; and Lieut. J. W. Bingham, R. G. A. Lieut. C. P. Moore, M.C., King's Regt., prosecuted, and Lieut. J. W. Thompson, King's Regt., appeared as prisoner's friend.

Cpl. Whitehead gave evidence to the effect that accused was absent from Mount Austin Barracks from the night of Sept. 8th, and also gave evidence with regard to the articles missing when witness checked his kit on the following morning.

Cpl. West told the Court how accused was arrested on Sept. 10th. Witness was passing the Seamen's Institute, Kowloon, when he saw Pye leaning over a billiard table, and dressed in civilian clothes. When the corporal went in, accused had disappeared. However, he was seen leaving by the rear of the premises and the military police chased and caught him.

Pye's story was that on Saturday night (Sept. 8th.) he went to Kowloon to go to the pictures. In the restaurant of the Star Theatre, he met two American sailors from the President Lincoln. They chatted together and then the sailors asked Pye to go over to Hongkong with them. Accused did so. They went to the Soldiers' Club. There they started drinking and Pye, not being used to beer, was soon affected by it. They left the Club about 10 o'clock and went back to Kowloon, all three going aboard the President Lincoln. Owing to the drink, Pye allowed the sailors to persuade him to change into civilian clothes. They told him the ship was going to Manila, but the soldier did not want to go to Manila, and he started to look for his uniform. He could not find it, and so left the ship, dressed in "civvies" about half-past eleven. Pye slept that night at the children's shelter. He awakened at seven o'clock the next morning and then went to the Seamen's Institute, Kowloon. He was afraid to go back to barracks, so he stayed at the Institute until the Monday. Having no money, he decided to return, but he did not want to be seen wearing civvies, so he decided to wait until the night, when he could go back in the dark. However, the Garrison Police came. Accused ran away, knowing that if they caught him it would be the worse for him. Accused maintained that when he left barracks on the Saturday night, his kit was complete.

Lieut. Thompson, speaking on behalf of accused, pointed out that it was clear Pye did not

intend to desert. Had he intended to get away, he would have remained on the President Lincoln. But he did not remain; he got away at the first opportunity. Also, it was obvious that he could have got far away from Kowloon in the time at his disposal had he so wanted.

Accused, who, it was stated, is 21 years of age and joined the Army in 1921, was found guilty on both counts. The Court was then closed for consideration of sentence.

22 YEARS AGO.

Items from the "Telegraph" Files.

Sept. 14, 1901. "Rasperryade" first introduced into the Colony.

Tsar visits the German Fleet at Kiel.

The Kaiser is letting his beard grow.

1,639 cases of plague reported to date; 1568 died.

Price of land going up. 2,500 sq. ft. sold at Hung Hom for \$232.

Hongkong Electric quoted \$64; Dairy Farms \$8 buyers.

Sept. 16, 1901. Lieut. E. L. Duncan, Hongkong Volunteers, resigns his commission.

Dr. A. W. Pearse appointed Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

Rumoured that the A.D.C. will give a Variety-Entertainment during the coming season.

Canada excludes Chinese and Japanese.

Rev. J. G. Williams, pastor Union Church, announces his resignation.

Correspondent writes complaining of the long trailing skirts of the ladies. Says it is a disgusting custom which ought to be abolished. Suggests they should be looped up by buttons.

The Hongkong Civilian Club had an outing to Picnic Bay.

Sept. 17, 1901. Vice-President Roosevelt takes the oath as President of the United States of America.

Legislative Council moves resolution of sympathy with American nation on death of President McKinley.

School of Science for Hongkong proposed.

Sept. 18, 1901. America Cup Race postponed.

Local newspapers order new type from England owing to the constant drain on the letters A-C-T-I-N-G. All the Government Officials appear to be acting for someone else.

C. W. Alexander, engineer at Hung Hom, charges Wan Yam with stealing two watches and a chain. Six weeks.

Importation of dogs from Macao not permitted.

Sept. 19, 1901. Yuan Shi-kai makes vigorous protest against Germany sending troops into Shanghai.

Frederick George Keeling gets three months' hard labour for assaulting a Chinese.

COURT MARTIAL.

Evidence Uncorroborated.

Being drunk and striking a superior officer, were the two charges laid against Private Sidney Taberner Smith, at a District Court Martial, at Murray Barracks, this morning.

The Court was composed of Major S. B. Coates, M.C. (President), Capt. G. E. M. Skinner, Lieut. J. W. Bingham, Lieut. C. P. Moore, M.C., prosecuted, and Capt. W. A. Hannay, A.F.C., appeared as prisoner's friend.

Lance-Cpl. Burden said about 10 o'clock on the night of Sept. 7th, he was sitting in his barrack room at Mount Austin Barracks, when he heard accused making a disturbance. The Lance-Corporal ordered accused to his bed. Accused went, but a few minutes later was back again and again creating a disturbance. Witness once more ordered accused to go to his bed, whereupon Smith struck him several blows on the head. He was drunk, and witness had him put in the guard room.

Other witnesses gave evidence of arrest.

Accused denied striking Lance-Cpl. Burden, and Capt. Hannay drew the Court's attention to the Manual of Military Law, in which it was stated that a Court, sitting as both judge and jury, could not convict on uncorroborated evidence.

Accused was found guilty of being drunk, but was found not guilty of striking his superior officer.

The Court then closed to consider sentence.

John Hay, U.S. Secretary of State, resigns.

D.P.W. again asked if he considers Kowloonites uncivilized and therefore unable to appreciate a decent road.

Under the Chairmanship of Mr. Woolley, the Civilian Club held a concert.

Dead carts introduced into the Colony.

Temporary Public Bath-Houses, erected during recent plague, dispensed with.

Hongkong Football Club Report presented. Capt. A. R. Lowe wins the Six-a-side Challenge Cup.

Queen Victoria Memorial Fund closed. Amount collected, \$30,170.

Sept. 20, 1901. The Tsar reviews French Fleet at Dunkirk. Sanitary Board ten rat catchers in place of four.

Cochrane Street Collapse Enquiry re-opened.

Portuguese book keeper advertised for. Salary \$35 per month. Viceroy of the Two Kwangs are in favour of reform and are convinced that nothing can be done for China so long as the old order of things remains in force. Both resign forthwith.

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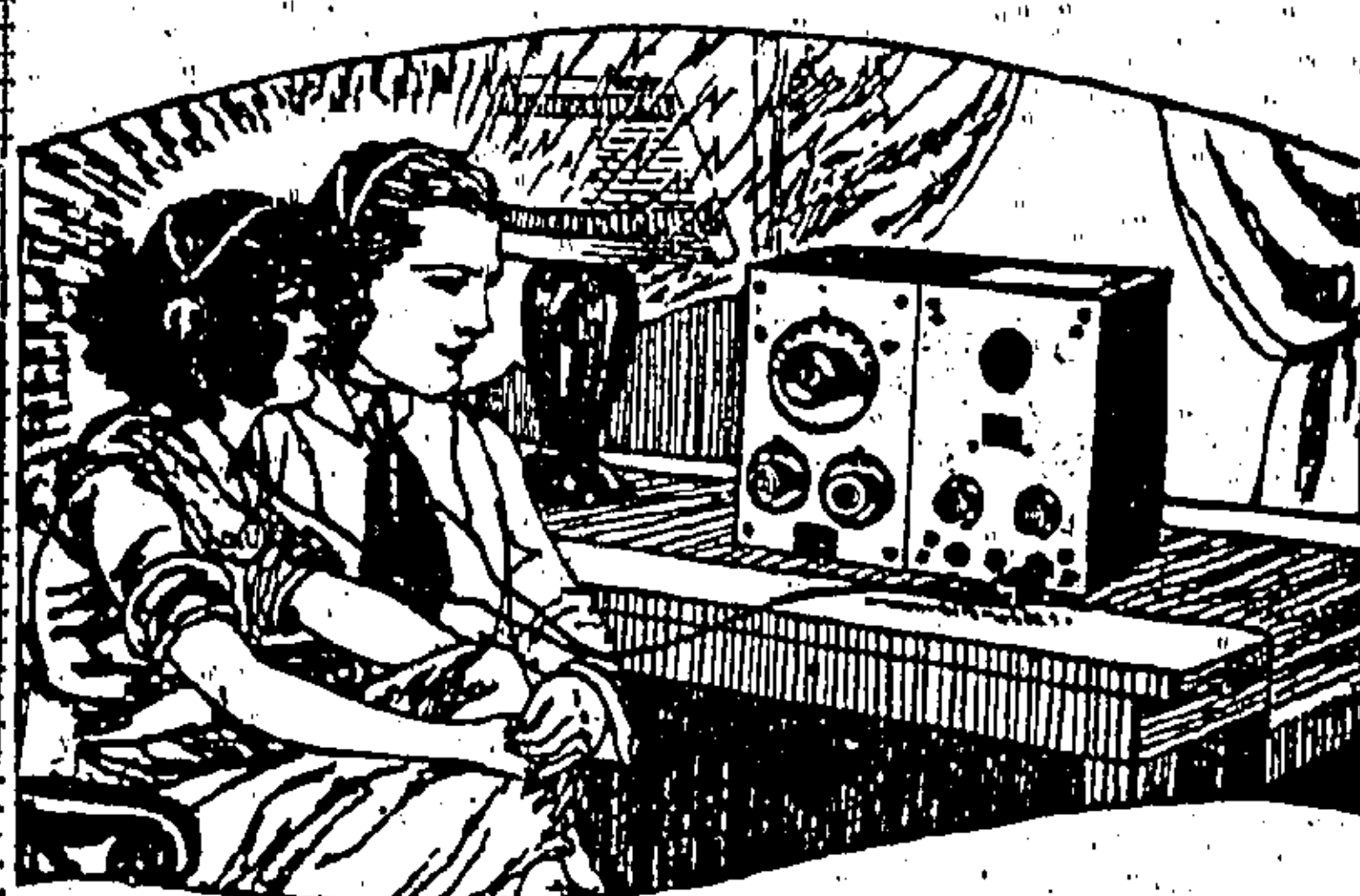
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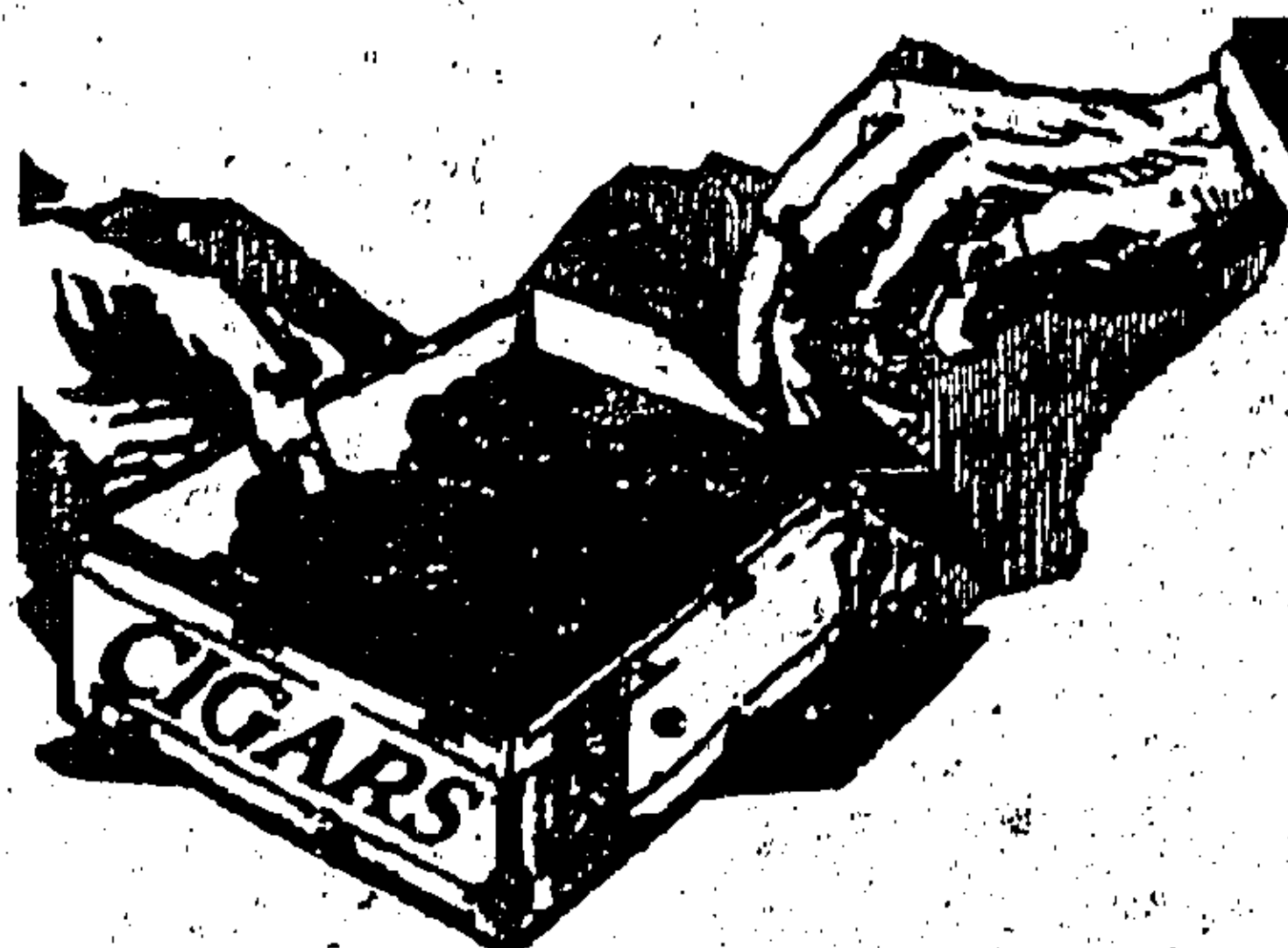
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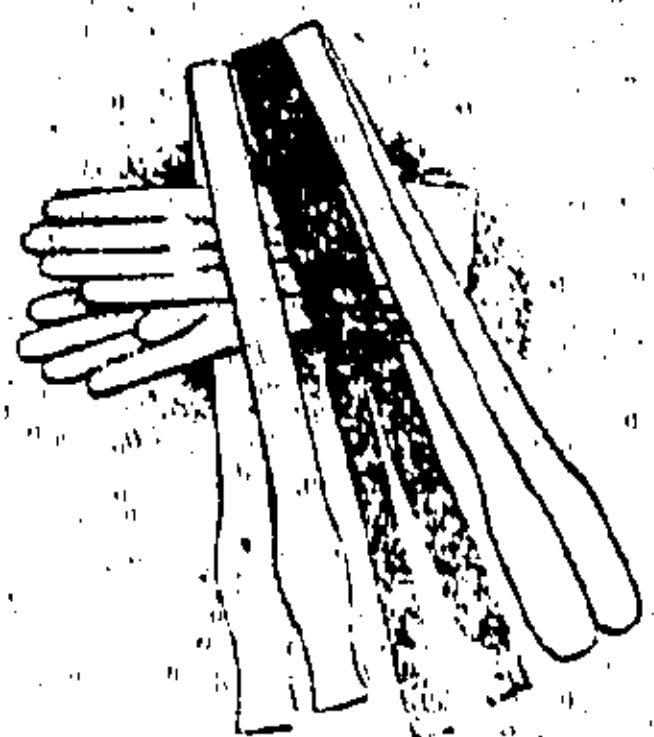


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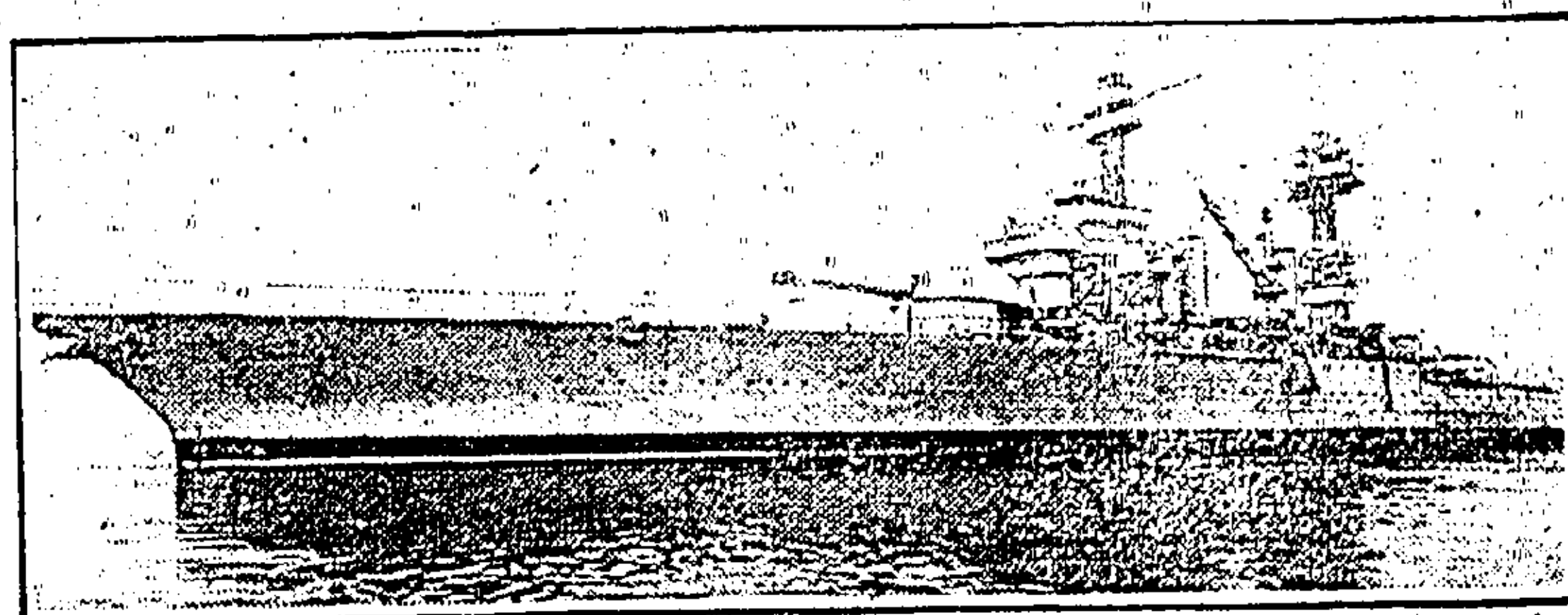
CAMERA NEWS.



President Coolidge and his family in the past have spent their vacations at Red Gables, the summer home of Frank W. Stearns, at Swampscott, Mass. If the president continues this custom Red Gables, pictured above, will become the summer White House of the nation.



This is the start of a whippet race at the Midwick Club in Pasadena.



The U. S. S. Colorado is being made ship-shape at Philadelphia and soon will start on a trial cruise. She is 624 feet long, displaces 32,600 tons and has a speed of 21 knots. She is an oil burner with two 15,000-horse-power steam turbines supplying electric current for 8,000-horse-power motors which drive her propellers. She will be manned by 1403 officers and men.



Several tramps are believed to have been killed in this wreck in the mountains near San Bernardino, but their bodies have not been recovered. The brakes failed to function as the freight train began to negotiate this steep grade.



Miss Elizabeth Thomson who meets all official visitors to Spokane in symbolic costume dressed as "Miss Columbia."



Tex Austin has taken his wild horses and his wild cow-boys to New York to give the Gothamites a thrill. Here one rider dives his horse into the Harlem River in a race in which 12 took part. Tony Pagano, on "Houndini" won.



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KARMALA	9,098	19th Oct.	M's, Gib., L'don & A'werp
CALEDONIA	7,622	2nd Nov.	B'bay, M's, Gib. L. A'werp
NELLORE	6,853	3rd Nov.	M's, Gib., L'don & A'werp

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TTAO via S'ow & S'hai Vatsing	Wed. 26th Sept. at noon	
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Fri. 28th Sept. at noon
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WILL FROCK COATS COME BACK?

All Right for the Elderly, But—

Is the frock coat again coming into fashion?

The question is raised by the *Tailor and Cutter* in its criticism of dress at the Royal garden party.

From the point of view of men's dress (says the paper) the Royal garden party differed from any other gathering, or function of the season because of the number of frock coats worn. It has been rather hastily assumed that by some sort of magic the frock coat has come into fashion again. But it may be asserted with complete confidence that this is not so.

At Ascot, at the Eton and Harrow match, and at various society weddings, a frock coat was seen here and there, but the morning coat was overwhelmingly predominant. If the frock coat were coming into fashion again more of these garments would have been at these gatherings.

The frock coat is essentially suitable for the middle-aged and elderly. It has a stiffness of demeanour and a set squareness of line unfitted for youth.

The morning coat possesses delightful contours; it has the line of beauty. The glorious sweep of the front suggests debonaire grace and the joy of life. Put young men into frock coats and you flinch from them; put them into morning coats and you flinch from them. The time to talk of the frock coat coming into fashion again will be when the Prince of Wales and his brothers forsake the morning coat for it.

"NON-LEGAL" ADVICE.

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An American seaman told the Thames Police Court magistrate recently that he was unable to get his pay from the captain of a German ship.

When he signed on the captain contracted that he should receive his pay when the vessel reached London; but now the captain refused to part with any money, until he (the sailor) completed the round voyage, which might take a year.

The Magistrate (Mr. J. A. R. Cairns): "I will tell you what I would do under the circumstances. I do not tell you to do it. I would go on to the ship and see if there is anything of value in the captain's quarters—a gold watch, or any other valuables. If so, put your hands on it. If he wishes to charge you, he must stay to press the case. My advice may be wrong in law, but it is common sense."

DOCTOR'S "ABNORMAL" GIFTS.

PLAYED PIANO BEFORE DEATH.

"A drug taker, abnormally brilliant but eccentric," was the description given at an inquest of Dr. Lancelot Wilkinson, of Leamington Spa, who was found dead from gas poisoning.

Dr. Wilkinson had formerly been medical adviser to the Sultan of Morocco.

A letter found by his side asked his landlady to communicate with his solicitor if he were dead, and if he were not to say nothing about the matter.

It concluded: "Cheerio dearie. I am going for a holiday."

A few hours before his death, said the landlady, Dr. Wilkinson was playing the piano.

He had no financial difficulties, and there was no apparent reason why he should have taken his life.

Suicide while of unsound mind was the verdict.

BRONZE AGE BURIAL CIST.

An ancient burial cist, or box, which is described as a relic of the Bronze Age, has been unearthed at Burnmouth, a fishing village in Berwickshire.

The skeleton of a human body, which had apparently been buried in a crouching position, was found beside the cist, as well as pieces of bronze that had evidently formed portions of spoons.

Previous discoveries of the same kind have been made in the neighbourhood, but only on rare occasions.

The present find has created great interest among Scottish antiquaries.



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LAWN BOWLS.

The Big Four Unbeaten.

[BY "TOUCHER"]

Yesterday, between 4 and 6 p.m., a slight seismic disturbance might have been noted in the neighbourhood of Kowloon. These earth tremors were caused by the efforts of the Big Four in putting across Shanghai on the Kowloon Bowling Club Green. The aggregate weight of the four is over 900 pounds, and every time Bond or Gerrard walked up the green, the vibration set up displaced the jack, making Shanghai's chances from the start hopeless. In spite of the fact that all four are somewhat pear-shaped, and have some difficulty in stooping, they somehow or other were never far from the jack—the match ending in a win for the Big Four by the safe margin of 10 points.

I am afraid that some of the Shanghai players were feeling the strain of a week's well-intentioned but somewhat strenuous hospitality. On this particular day Shaw had all forenoon been in the hands of the Police, probably a conspiracy of Gerrard's, while Vitch had met a friend from Canton. The aftermath showed itself in their play, as neither of them were capable of sustained effort.

Those two hard-headed Lancastrians, Cheetham and Tomlinson, had all that morning been steering a safe course on Formazone, and were obviously bent to win. They had not, however, reckoned on the capabilities of such seasoned veterans as are the Big Four. The latter, by the way, received their baptism in 1918. In that year, in some mysterious manner, they somehow wangled medical certificates, have been then otherwise unobtainable and went to Shanghai to play the first Interport in the history of lawn bowls in China. When they landed at the Northern port, big Geordie McMurdo "was so impressed with their size that he exclaimed: 'Hell, this is no a boffin team, it's a tug o' war team'. Furthermore, it was at the hands of Geordie and his confederates that the Big Four sustained their first and only Club defeat then or since. The cause of that defeat was due to Geordie's excessive kindness before the match started; one of the Big Four being so overcome with emotion that he had to steady himself with one hand on the turf.

Anyhow, to revert to yesterday's match, the few spectators present must have been struck with the fact that there was no atmosphere of depression surrounding the players. The game throughout was keenly contested, and was conducted in a happy and sporting manner. Russell was at the top of his form and was rather too good for Tomlinson who, along with Cheetham, did most of the scoring for Shanghai.

The teams and scores were:

Big Four:	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
Harvey	3	2	2	2
Bond	3	1	3	3
Gerrard	3	6	—	3
Russell	3	7	—	3
	1	8	—	4
	1	9	—	4
	1	9	—	5
	1	10	—	5
	2	12	—	5
	1	13	—	5
	3	16	—	5
	5	21	—	9
	1	22	—	9
	1	23	—	12
	1	23	—	12
	2	25	—	15

THE TOLL OF THE JUNGLE.

Calcutta, August 27th.—The toll of the jungle in India does not diminish, and the figures for last year, just published, show that 3,253 persons were killed by wild animals. Tigers were responsible for 1,603, leopards for 509, wolves 460, crocodiles and alligators for 225, bears for 105, wild boars and pigs for 90, elephants for 55 and hyenas for nine, while the mortality from snakebite rose to 20,090 during the year. Twenty-three thousand two hundred and sixty-eight wild animals were destroyed, including 1,766 tigers, 6,108 leopards, 3,188 bears, and 1,929 wolves, while the snakes destroyed numbered 58,370.

TENNIS MATCH: FOR LIFE.

Miss Evelyn Colyer and Mr. Wheatley.

Considerable interest, but no surprise, will be aroused in lawn tennis circles by the engagement of two of the youngest and most prominent players of the year.

Lady Colyer informed a Press representative recently that her daughter, Miss Evelyn Colyer, had just become engaged to Mr. J. D. P. Wheatley.

"The young pair have only just made up their minds," she declared, "and I expect that the engagement will be rather a long one. There is no question of an early marriage. My daughter will become 21 years of age in a fortnight."

Mr. Wheatley is 23.

The pair won their first open tennis tournament not long ago at Edgbaston, in the Mixed Doubles Championship of the Midlands Counties, beating Mr. S. E. Charlton (Lancashire) and Miss Joan Austin, 6-3, 9-7.

Mr. Wheatley was born in the Orange Free State, but went to school at Bedford. He first became acquainted with Miss Colyer on a visit to this country in 1920.

He was selected to play for Great Britain in the Davis Cup tie at Manchester recently when Spain scored a clear-cut victory.

Mr. Wheatley is a virile young player, with perhaps the finest overhead smash of any young player in Britain.

WEATHER REPORT.

Sept. 21d. 11h. 40m.—Warning to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.: Depression or typhoon of unknown intensity within 120 miles of Lat. 16° N. Long. 126° E. moving W.N.W.

Sept. 21d. 11h. 50m.—Pressure has increased slightly at Chefoo, and has decreased slightly from S. Formosa to the Philippines, and at Yap. It is nearly stationary at other reporting stations. The anticyclone has strengthened slightly.

There are indications of a typhoon in about Lat. 16° N. and Long. 126° E. It is apparently moving W.N.W.

The Guam typhoon is probably moving N.W. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 83.94 inches, against an average of 73.06 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
1 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, fresh
2 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamook	
3 H'kong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, moderate: fine
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan	
T. F. CLAXTON, Director, H.K. Observatory, Sept. 21, 1923.	

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(Opening Rate closing Rate on Page 1.)

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Demand, New York	52 1/2
T/T Bombay	169
Demand, Bombay	169
T/T Calcutta	169
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On Yokohama	107 1/2
Demand, Manila	109 1/2
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Empress of Australia with the mails from Hongkong of the 20th inst. has been delayed in Japan by the earthquake disaster, and is not expected to reach Hongkong until September 23rd. It is not likely that her mails were transferred to any vessel leaving Japan before her.

INWARD MAILS.

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Strait		
Japan		
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Tande		22nd
Yingchow		22nd
Pres. McKinley		23rd

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., O. & S. America & Europe via Vancouver		Parcels 21st 5 p.m. Sat. 22 inst. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
(Due Vancouver 8th Oct.)		
Straits & Egypt		Sat. 22 inst. 2.30 p.m.
Manila		Sat. 22 inst. 3.30 p.m.
Hoibow & Bangkok		Sun. 23 inst. 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai & Japan		Sun. 23 inst. 9 a.m.
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Shanghai & Japan		Sun. 23 inst. 9 a.m.
Australia (not including North Queensland & New Guinea Territory) & New Zealand via Sydney		Sun. 23 inst. 9 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok		Mon. 24 inst. 10 a.m.
Manila		Mon. 24 inst. 10 a.m.
Bangkok		Mon. 24 inst. 10 a.m.
Straits, Egypt & Europe via London		Mon. 24 inst. 10 a.m.
Japan		Mon. 24 inst. 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow		Mon. 24 inst. 10 a.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Is.		Mon. 24 inst. 10 a.m.
Geyao M.		Tues. 25 inst. noon.
Halong		Tues. 25 inst. noon.
Tango M.		Fri. 28 inst. noon.
Registration 8.45 a.m.		Letters 9.30 a.m.
(Due Thursday Is. about 9th Oct.)		
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow		Fri. 28 inst. noon.

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